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Mr. James J. Barry, Commissioner
Welfare Department
State House Annex
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Barry:

We have your letter requesting an interpretation of the duties of your Department in supervising the solicitation of valuables for religious and benevolent purposes by foreign applicants.

It is the opinion of this office that the Commissioner of Public Welfare's approval must be acquired by any foreign organization or individual who seeks to solicit valuables in this State. RSA 320:20.

If the Commissioner of Public Welfare approves and certifies said foreign solicitor the effect would be to place the applicant on an equal footing with domestic solicitors, as provided in RSA 320:21, with the exception that said approval certificate may be revoked at the discretion of the Commissioner.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Deachman
Assistant Attorney General

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